



Photo by Russell Kelly

Old High School Commons Acton

Common Ground Development, Inc.

Conversion of former school building into 15 rental units consisting of three one-bedroom, nine two-bedroom and three three-bedroom units.

AFFORDABILITY: All 15 units are affordable to residents earning up to 60% of AMI.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The Town of Acton declared the McCarthy Towne School a surplus building. The town was later convinced to save the school and create affordable housing by a coalition that included the Acton Community Housing Corporation, historic preservationists and a group of former high school graduates. The town agreed to a long term lease with the developer.

ZONING VEHICLE: Friendly 40B

FINANCING: State and federal historic tax credits, LIHTC, Affordable Housing Trust Funds, Community Based Housing funds, HOME funds and PB Section 8.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT: The town provided a local share of \$300,000 to help fund the development. The Housing Gift Funds came from linkage funds given to the town by the developer of the Robbins Mill housing development in 2005. The Acton Community Housing Corporation oversees the housing gifts funds.

Project started in 2002, completed in 2012



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